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opinions of one who is largely interested

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Hongkong, April 2, 1891.

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closing the door, etc.      to, to make a door closed.

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the title had no fodder and the peasant was ruined. In large districts the government had no fodder, where the harvest was, in a failure, death of fodder for the horse and of food for the tiller of the soil, ready assumed the dimensions of a famine. There are no hopes now that there will be a "good crop," the crops are not coming down by the roots, the owners of land and short-fellers in the lands of landowners and short-fellers in the lands of landowners who a short time ago were prosperous are now bankrupt. There was written one year ago. Since then hunger and suffering have increased a hundredfold by the dire effects of the famine. The conditions are an unparalleled condition of the world to meet the blow. In the Don there are numerous bands of hungry peasants continuously met with, who have

...of the peasants' hope of breaking out  
routably by working. In the district  
Odessa the peasants were never be-  
hind with such terrible trails. "You come  
whole villages the inhabitants of which  
were lack-bread-for-themselves, for  
their live stock, and seed for the  
The imperial and other taxes are be-  
lected with the utmost dexterity. The  
munes are begging for a little respite  
the authorities have also been en-  
to give or lend the peasants some

misfortune are narrated and the climax that results are well worth the fact that fodder and food are as scarce as snow in midsummer, and thy horses, a famine have begun to be experienced rightly looked upon as a grievous calamity. Still it would seem not to be the case. Far more severe must the distress be if taxes are being collected with diligence.

[illegible]

the late necessity of paying the  
concur to ruin, may, to extermin  
pensants. 'Numbers have sold  
live stock, and many have go  
further and sold themselves  
next summer and autumn.' Th  
authorities of Stratford are so  
moved by the harrowing scene  
daily and hourly witness that they  
solved to ask for a loan of 200,000  
merely to keep the pensants from  
shear hunger and the fields from

Many of the peasant proprietors were in the hope that in this way they would succeed in clearing off the burdensome debts; but they have had all their efforts in vain, for though they no longer owe the state, they still continue to owe an enormous sum to the government. The government of Stambuloff, with due regard to the necessities of the country, has decided to grant to the peasant proprietors a 10 per cent. discount on the value of their land, and to the proprietors of the land in the Thracian districts, 15 per cent. in amount that exceeds the price, calculated on the basis of the value of the land in the

capable and industrious peasants of Russia, is struck as low as most of its towns. Poverty, robbery, thieves, therefore increasing there at an alarming rate. Able-bodied healthy men, who to work, stroll about the country pretending to be deaf and dumb in order to beg from charitable persons to give them alms. Masses of ragged, half-starved people wandering throughout the country. Government of Kozan is an economic disaster since 1925.

alone in the year 1986, as we said, the regular famine in that vast government, the people lying down and dying on the streets, on the roadsides, on the roofs of houses. At the present moment, we have the best possible authority for saying that the population is undergoing a famine that is not still greater, hardships than in 1986. It is a question of issuing a loan to

people from death, and that their exaggeration in the accounts published is quite evident from the circumstances. The Minister of the Interior has admitted that there are ample grounds for this extraordinary measure.

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**Quotations.**  
HONGKONG, April 9, 1901.

OPUM—New Patna, each...	152
" Old " " "	450
" New Banars, each...	450
" Old " " "	450
" New Malwa, each...	450
" Allowance, Tael...	40
" Old Malwa, each...	500
" Allowance, Tael...	163
" Persian Oil, each...	40
" Allowance, Tael...	36
" Turpan, Exchanged...	40
" Allowance, Tael...	40

  

Exchange.	
Hongkong, April 2.	
On London—	
Bank, Wire...	3/1

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### Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Palmer & Co.  
Premier, Queen's Road.)

BALNEUMETER	P.M.	29.
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Do.	4 P.M.	29.
Do.	7 P.M.	29.
Do.	1 P.M.	65
Do.	4 P.M.	65
Do.	(Wet) only 9 A.M.	62
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	Sovereigns, Bank's buying rate) \$36.	

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BAROMETER - P.M. ....	29.
Do. 1 P.M. ....	29.
Do. 4 P.M. ....	29.
THERMOMETER - P.M. ....	64.
D. 1 P.M. ....	65.
D. 4 P.M. ....	65.
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ....	62.
Do. Do. 12 M. ....	64.
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ....	64.
Do. Maximum .....	84.
Do. Minimum .....	64.



